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SUBJECT: EC FOOD AID TO SYRIA

REF: (A) STATE 127649 (B) EC BRUSSELS 3669

1. THE EC COMMISSION HAS INFORMED THE MISSION OF THE EC'S INTENTION TO AMEND ITS FOOD AID TO SYRIA WHICH WAS REPORTED LAST MAY (REF. B). THE EC PROPOSES TO REDUCE BY 50 PERCENT THE PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED UMR LEVEL. ACCORDINGLY THERE WOULD BE A 100,200 METRIC TON UMR INSTEAD OF ONE OF 204,400 METRIC TONS. THE COMMISSION HAS PROPOSED A REDUCTION OF THE UMR BECAUSE SYRIA NOTIFIED THE COMMUNITY THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR SYRIA TO IMPORT COMMERCIALY DURING 1974/75 A MINIMUM QUANTITY OF WHEAT OR FLOUR EQUIVALENT CORRESPONDING TO THE ARITHMETIC AVERAGE OF COMMERCIAL IMPORTS OF THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

2. THE REASONS FOR THIS AMENDMENT ACCORDING TO THE COMMISSION, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) SYRIA AFTER THE OCTOBER WAR SUFFERED LOSSES AND

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DESTRUCTIONS WHICH HAD A DEVASTATING EFFECT ON ITS ECONOMY.

(B) FOLLOWING THIS WARE THERE WERE THOUSAND OF REFUGEES WHICH FLED THE NEWLY OCCUPIED REGIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT ASSISTED THESE PEOPLE WHO LEFT THEIR LAND, THUS CAUSING A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE IN THE STATE'S NORMAL BUDGET OUTLAYS.

(C) TOTAL IMPORT NEEDS OF SYRIA FLUCTUATE CONSIDERABLY FROM ONE YEAR TO ANOTHER (115,991 TONS IN 1968/69, 520,155 TONS IN 1971/72, 214,446 TONS IN 1972/73 AND 182,612 TONS IN 1973/74), AND THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT EXPECTS THAT THIS NEED WILL FALL OT 102,000 TONS IN 1974/75.

3. THE COMMISSION HAS SET A DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 15 FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS IN VIEW OF THE URGENT NEEDS OF SYRIA.
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